

Peer Bode

Video Notes

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Transport 1,2,3 3:30 min. Video 2002

Composite mix with visual materials from Germany's Northwest, Venice, the American West and technical design notebooks and sound samples from Harald Bode, pioneering German electronic music instrument maker. The sonic mix is from a live performance and CD of the "Carrier Band", 'Automatic Inscription of Speech Melody', with Pauline Oliveros, Andrew Deutsch, Dick Robinson and Peer Bode.

"My father, Harald Bode (1909-1986), made and had many organs, Warbo, Melochord, Melodium, Polychord, the Bode organ: UBER ORGAN ... he also had a body without organs ... Ring Modulator, Frequency Shifter, Vocoder, BarberPole Phaser ... The electronic music historian Dr. Tom Rhea informed me that Harald Bode was also the father of the first modular audio synthesizer, the instrument the Moog synthesizer was based on. My sense is that makes that instrument another brother or sister of mine, my mother Irmgard's other child, a member of the family, a cyborg relative of sorts, molecular, machinic, an open ended becoming machineP.B."

Peer Bode is an internationally exhibiting American new media artist of German and Norwegian descent. He is also an active educator and studio advocate and facilitator of independent electronic media. He is associated with the renowned American Owego and Alfred schools of new media imaging. Bode is Professor of Video Arts at the School of Art and Design and Co-Director of the Institute for Electronic Arts, Alfred University, Alfred, NY. His work is produced at the Experimental Television Center, Owego, NY, the IEA, Alfred, NY and Pep Studios, Hornell and Rochester, NY. The IEA and the ETC are supported in part by the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA).

Peer Bode's work is included in "a Survey of American Video Art - The First Decade", a project of Chicago's Video Data Bank

(<http://www.vdb.org>), curated by Chris Hill. Peer Bode has collaborated on numerous electronic tool building projects with video systems designer David Jones and artist Ralph Hocking. He is also a member of the "Carrier Band" with Andrew Deutsch and Pauline Oliveros. Their CDs "Carrier" and "Automatic Inscription of Speech Melody" are on the Deep Listening label (<http://www.deeplistening.org/dlc/label.html>). The new 2003 CD "Autumn Light" with Vitiello, Bode and Deutsch is available on forcedexposure.com. Peer Bode has recently lectured and exhibited his electronic work in Hongzhou and Beijing, PR China.